

## FOOD "PIRATES" AROUSE SENATE

WOULD SHUT UP  
TRADE BOARDS

Senators in Wrathful State-  
ments Against War Food  
Speculators of Nation.

## ARE CALLED "ROBBERS"

[By Associated Press Leased Wire.]  
Washington, D. C., May 14.—The unrestricted wrath of the senate was poured down upon food gamblers and speculators today in one of the most remarkable scenes in the history of the chamber.

"Pirates" and "robbers" were terms frequently applied to those who profit by speculation in food in the hour of the nation's need. The likelihood of food speculators being hanged to lamp posts was hinted at.

The storm broke when Senator Thomas, democrat of Colorado, proposed as an amendment to the administration espionage bill, a provision to suspend for the duration of the war all boards of trade, stock exchanges or chambers of commerce which permit speculation in futures in food.

**Fear Curb on Commerce.**  
Senators who opposed it did so on the ground that the object should be accomplished in another way, and some thought it would stir commerce. The great majority of opinion expressed in terms which for force and range of adjectives had seldom been heard in senate chamber, favored a more drastic action to stop food gambling and speculation which makes for artificial prices and threatens the nation with the pinch of hunger.

Senator Lewis, democrat, said he thought legislation such as proposed by Senator Thomas would work injury to many and should not be passed without deliberation.

"If this be adopted," said he, "you will force the grain in the bins into the hands of those who fear at present that day of desolation and darkness that some members of the administration unnecessarily are holding out to the country."

"I think," said Senator Reed, democrat of Missouri, "that means ought to be taken to stop speculation in foodstuffs within the limits of the powers of congress."

**Hints at Lynching.**  
Food speculators were denounced "robbers" by Senator Kenyon of Iowa, who recommended, however, that the food speculation measures be held over to be considered with the food bill.

"If congress can stop this robbery," he said, "and that is a mild term for it—the people will find some way if they have to make use of the lamp post."

Senator Kirby of Arkansas supporting the Thomas amendment, denounced food speculators as "parasites."

Senator Smith of South Carolina, urged that action be withheld until the food bill was taken up. He said the Thomas amendment would paralyze food channels and might do more harm than good.

"We should not destroy the usual market places, which have a legitimate use."

Chicago, May 14.—All trade in wheat except to close up existing contracts, was ordered stopped for two days by directors of the board of trade today. Saturday's closing figures were given as the maximum of which settlements may be made. All trading in corn and oats for May delivery was ordered discontinued. May wheat was eliminated last Saturday.

The period of two days for the cessation of trading was to give time for representatives of the boards of the country to come here for a meeting to discuss concerted action to curb the runaway tendency of grain prices. Telegrams were sent last night urging the boards to have representatives here tomorrow.

## War Situation

While military interest continues to center in the great battle on the French front where the British are continuing slowly but steadily to press the Germans back, the political situation in Russia is demanding increasing attention and causing, it is possible, added concern among the allied nations.

Under the continuing harassing course of the radical elements in Petrograd the provisional government which has held Russia together, at least in semblance, since the overthrow of the old regime, now shows signs of breaking up.

Today the first gap in the government ranks was created yesterday when M. Guchkov, the minister of war and marine handed in his resignation.

Simultaneously there came news from Petrograd of a more encouraging character in a denial of a report that the government was favoring an armistice. On the contrary, it is declared, it has never raised such a question and in fact is about to appeal to the men at the front not to fraternize with the enemy and pointing out to them the inevitability of a separate peace.

**ENGLISH PLEASED WITH N. Y. WELCOME**

[By Associated Press Leased Wire.]  
Washington, May 14.—Arthur J. Balfour, British foreign secretary and most of the members of the British mission, arrived in Washington early today following their three days' welcome by New York city.

They plan to remain here for several days longer before leaving for Canada and Belgium.

The members of the mission were enthusiastic over the warmth of their reception in New York.

The party left New York last night on a special train and arrived here shortly before 8 a. m.

Mr. Balfour probably will receive the reports of the eight joint sub-committees on trade, mail, intelligence, munitions, materials and on sending an American army to Europe. The committees have been working over the week-end while the principal members of the mission were in New York.

allowed to sell futures and to adjust existing trades at prices under a maximum of \$1.75 for May and \$1.25 for June. The maximum on May wheat was fixed Saturday at \$1.15.

The result on prices of the various rulings was a general rise in prices down 23c to 24c during the forenoon while corn advanced 7 1/2c to 10c and oats 6c.

The resolutions of the directors, given out after a statement of the facts had been formally made, follows:

"Resolved, from the opening of the market Monday, May 14, 1917, to close the board of trade for two days, Tuesday, May 15, 11:15 p. m., members of this board shall confine all trades in contract, grain of wheat for future delivery in regular elevators to transactions for July and September delivery. No member shall make any purchases of wheat during the period stated except in liquidation of existing contracts. Members may enter into contracts of sale without limitation except as to price as hereinafter stated. No contracts for July delivery shall be entered into at a price in excess of \$2.45 per bushel.

"Be it resolved, that any member trading in violation of the foregoing shall be deemed to have committed a grave offense against the name of the association."

**End "Hide and Seek."**  
The directors also prohibited trading in indeterminate, known also as "hide and seek" trades and also more commonly known as "puts and calls."

Secretary Merrill of the board, read the various resolutions in the great trading hall from the visitors' gallery. He concluded just a moment before the gong announced the resumption of trading. The traders flocked to their pits and for a moment trading exhibited its normal aspect of vociferation and activity. It was but the flash accompanying the evening up of trade under the order, and in a few minutes practically no business was being transacted.

July wheat slumped an extra 12c to \$2.43 and then reacted to \$2.70; September fell off to \$2.57 and recovered to \$2.40.

**Other Grains Up.**  
Much of the business suppressed in wheat was transferred to the corn and oats pits where sharp advances were scored. July corn rose 1/2c to \$1.55; September 1/2c to \$1.45; and October 1/2c to \$1.40. Trade in provisions was normal, none of the rules applied to hog products.

**Brokers Quit Pitt.**  
Grain brokers themselves, irrespective of action by the board of trade, are expected to cease handling grain and other accounts by night. Three of them this forenoon announced that, until further notice, they would accept no trades in wheat, corn or oats options except to sell or to close up existing contracts. The three firms were Logan & Bryan, which is one of the biggest in the country, the Thompson-McIntosh company and Wagner & Company.

houses were said to have higher prices under consideration. Smaller houses, it is said, would have to fall in line.

TEUTON ATTACK  
IS WEAKENING

British Practically in Possession of Two More Towns, Rouex and Bullecourt.

## FRENCH HOLD NEW GAINS

[By Associated Press Leased Wire.]  
London, May 14, 12:40 p. m.—The raids were repulsed last night northeast of Epehy and north of "Ypres," says today's official announcement.

We secured a few prisoners. We progressed during the night in Rouex village (large front). The Germans attacked Rouex and Bullecourt.

British Headquarters in France, May 14, via London, 1:10 p. m.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press).—British troops have just about completed the absorption of two important villages to which the Germans have of late been driven since the battle of Arras began.

The north bank of the Scarpe, and the other is Bullecourt, which lies directly in the Hindenburg line just to the west of Ypres.

As a result of steady fighting during the last 48 hours the Germans' foothold in Bullecourt has been reduced to two isolated posts, where bombing flights are continuing. A virtually similar situation exists in Rouex.

Since the British victory Saturday the German counter-attacks have been much of their recent fierceness. The number of prisoners taken during this time has been exceptionally large for the character of the operations and the number of troops involved.

**Reserves Thrown In.**  
These may merely be coincidences, or it may be that the Germans have become tired of sending so many of their troops to their death in massed formations. The German soldiers have been fighting very stoutly since reserves were thrown into the Arras area.

The heat wave in the fighting district has been temporarily broken by a series of thunderstorms.

**Zepplins Brought Down.**  
London, May 14, 4:14 a. m.—British naval forces destroyed Zepplin L-22 in the North sea this morning, according to an official statement issued by the admiralty.

The destruction of the L-22 marks the fourth attempt at Zepplin raids within the last year which has ended in disaster. Two of the mammoth airships were shot down during a raid on London Sept. 23, 1916, and two months later two more Zepplins were shot down by the English coast.

March 17 French military men shot down a Zepplin behind the French lines while it was endeavoring to reach Paris.

**French Hold Gains.**  
Paris, May 14.—The French last night repulsed German reconnoitering northeast of Vauxlaillon, north of Craonne, at Hill 108 and in the Champagne, southwest of Nauray. The German losses were large.

The statement follows: "There was the usual cannonading along the whole front. We repulsed strong German reconnoitering parties which were attempting to approach our lines at various points northeast of Vauxlaillon, west of Craonne, at Hill 108, near Saignes and in the Champagne, southwest of Nauray. All attempts were checked completely by our fire. The enemy suffered heavy losses and left prisoners in our hands."

**Germans Clink to Ruins.**  
Berlin, May 14, via London, 4:35 p. m.—"The battle near Bullecourt was continued yesterday with no change," says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff, "and in the stubborn struggle we retained the ruins of the village against several enemy attacks."

**FRENCH MISSION TO SAIL FOR HOME IN FEW DAYS**

[By Associated Press Leased Wire.]  
Washington, May 14.—The French mission returned to the capital today after its 10-day tour of the middle west, the east and a brief visit of some of its members to Canada.

Mr. Viviani and his party arrived on one train and on another closely following were Marshall Joffre and his aides.

They were deeply touched by the reception they received everywhere they visited. After a few days more of conferences here the party will sail for France at a time and by a route which will not be disclosed.

**GERMAN STRIKE PAMPHLET PRINTERS ARE ARRESTED**

[By Associated Press Leased Wire.]  
London, May 14, 1:30 p. m.—The Berlin police are reported to have arrested a number of correspondents of the Central News to have discovered the printers of a pamphlet which was published at the time of the strike of German workmen in April. A member of a committee of the action was reported to have been arrested. The correspondent reported that a sensational trial on the charge of high treason is expected.

TO BE FAIR AND WARMER  
TONIGHT AND TUESDAY

GENTLE TO MODERATE NORTH-  
WEST TO WEST WINDS.

The weather forecast for Chicago and vicinity: Fair and not so cool tonight; Tuesday fair and warmer.

Temperature for 24 hours preceding 12 o'clock today: Maximum, 69; minimum, 33; mean, 49; normal for the day, 55; deficiency since January 1, 447.

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**U. S. REGULAR ARMY WILL BE INCREASED**

[By Associated Press Leased Wire.]  
Washington, D. C., May 14.—Expansion of the regular army to the full war strength, contemplated in the administration army bill, has been authorized by President Wilson.

Organization of the new regiment will begin tomorrow. About 65,000 of the 18,000 men in a full regiment already have been recruited.

The immediate effect of the order will be to promote nearly two-thirds of the present officers of the regular army.

**Create New Regiments.**  
The following new regiments will be raised in the eastern department: The Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth regiments of infantry at Syracuse, N. Y.; one existing regiment of infantry to be sent there from the southern department and each of its three battalions.

The Twelfth field artillery to be raised at Fort Myer, Va., from one battalion of field artillery to be brought from the border. The Forty-seventh, Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth, and Fiftieth regiments of infantry to be raised at Gettysburg National park from two existing regiments to be brought from the border. The Fifteenth field artillery to be raised at Syracuse from one battalion brought from the border. The Fifty-eighth, Fifty-ninth, Sixtieth and Sixty-first regiments of infantry to be raised at Gettysburg National park from two existing regiments to be brought from the border. The Nineteenth and Twentieth field artillery to be raised at Montauk Point, L. I., N. Y., from one regiment of field artillery from the border.

In the southern, western and central departments, similar proceedings will be taken.

**SLAV WAR MINISTER QUILTS NEW CABINET**

[By Associated Press Leased Wire.]  
Petrograd, May 14, via London, 12:30 p. m.—General Guchkov, minister of war, has resigned.

In announcing his resignation at yesterday's meeting of the congress of delegates from the front, M. Guchkov read the following letter sent by him to Premier Lvov:

"In view of the condition in which the power of the government has been placed, especially the authority of the minister of war, in relation to the army and the navy, a condition which I am powerless to alter and which threatens to have consequences fatal to the defense of Russia, I can no longer exercise the functions of minister of war and marine and share responsibility for the grave sin being committed against the country."

**SANDWICH BRIDE DIES SUDDENLY OF PNEUMONIA**

COMMUNITY SHOCKED AT SUDDEN  
END TO MRS. KATE HILLMAN  
ESTEP.

Sandwich, Ill., May 14.—This entire community was shocked and saddened last Friday afternoon when the word came that Mrs. Katie Hillman Estep had passed away. Mrs. Estep had only been ill five days with pneumonia, but was stricken with heart failure.

Mrs. Estep had spent the greater part of her life here and was well and favorably known and will be greatly missed. She was very active in church, W. C. T. U. and club work, giving generously of her time and money to aid any worthy cause.

March 28 last she was married to Earl Estep.

The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Presbyterian church in charge of the Rev. Allan Hill Brown. The sermon was preached by Dr. J. M. Lewis of the Congregational church.

Burial was in Oak Ridge.

**BABE KILLED AT PLAY.**

[By Associated Press Leased Wire.]  
Oskaloosa, Ia., May 14.—William McDonough, four-year-old son of M. C. McDonough, was instantly crushed to death here today when he pulled down a heavy porch box while at play about his home. The accident happened in full view of playmates of the child. The McDonough family formerly lived at Kearney, Neb.

## The War Spirit

Baseball fans at Fox River park yesterday donated liberally to the fund to be used for the purchase of baseballs, bats and other baseball paraphernalia for United States soldiers. Collections today: John Murphy, thru the grand stands and bleachers by Miss Sadie MacDonald, Mrs. Henry Potterman and Miss Louise Regnier. Several donations of \$5 were made. It is not known how much the collection totaled as the boxes were sealed to be opened by Captain Kinney in Chicago today. John Murphy, business manager of the Mohawks, was in charge of the collection here. Similar collections were taken up at all parks in the Chicago City League yesterday.

Three young men of Trinity church have enlisted for their country's defense, William Spierling in the army, and Clifford Bereman and Harry Boehner in the navy. Frank Lossing, Trinity's scoutmaster, has joined the militia.

Herbert P. Helms, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Helms of Fifth street, a student at Northwestern university who has passed the examination for the officers reserve corps of the coast artillerie has been accepted. He has been ordered to report at Fort Sheridan. He will join the class B officers.

Blaine Wiley, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Wiley, 240 South LaSalle street, has enlisted in the United States marines. He left Chicago this afternoon for Fort Royal, S. C. Wiley is 21 years old and has been attending Chicago university. A number of his classmates enlisted with him and they left in a party today.

John Weiss Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Weiss, 277 Seminary avenue, left Chicago this afternoon for Ft. Benjamin, Harrison, Indianapolis, where he will enter the army service as a chemist. He has been employed in the laboratory of the Burlington railroad here.

Col. Charles Greene, commanding officer of the Third regiment, went to Rockford yesterday to stir up interest in recruiting there. Only 40 men in the company, Messrs. K. and H. Have taken the day off and are at Rockford. A number of the best in the regiment.

The firm of Wade, Letts & Grover will hang out the biggest flag in Aurora across the front of their store in Broadway, Wednesday. The flag is 20 feet by 35 feet. It will be suspended from the roof of the store to the building across the street.

City Attorney Lloyd Williams of Elgin, son of Probate Court Judge John Williams, left this morning for Fort Sheridan to take a three months course of military training.

First Lieut. Walter B. Hilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hilton, 112 North View street, has accepted the appointment as first lieutenant of the officers reserve corps of the First Illinois infantry.

Aurora college has already sent four of its young men to the front. Wade H. Toole left this morning for Jefferson Barracks, Mo., where he will join the hospital corps. He is a member of the hospital corps. Reed and Thomas Patterson left several days ago for the same place, having enlisted in the hospital corps. Clyde Downey left Saturday for Los Angeles, Cal., to enlist in the coast artillery.

Four Big Rock boys enlisted in the supply company of the Third regiment, Illinois National Guard, at the company in Island avenue, Saturday night. They are Floyd Davis, George Brown, Arthur F. Florin and Ralph Davis. All four enlisted as mule wagon drivers. Capt. W. C. Groom, of Aurora, is commanding officer of the company.

**ORATORS TO GO FORTH TO AID LIBERTY LOAN**

[By Associated Press Leased Wire.]  
Washington, May 14.—Plans for old fashioned popular rallies organized to stir up interest in the liberty loan with a corps of political orators in two great political parties enlisted in a speaking campaign was the subject of a conference here today between Secretary McAdoo and Vance C. McCormick, democratic chairman. Mr. McCormick came here to discuss the advisability of reviving the democratic speakers' bureau which was active in the political campaign last fall, to help direct the publicity work for the bonds. He promised also to co-operate with Chairman Wilcox of the republican national committee in a similar activity.

**SISTERS QUARREL**

Two sisters, Mrs. Henrietta Cusack and Mrs. Emma Davis, were the central figures in a trial before Justice Cortes Dutton. The latter had her sister arrested on a charge of assault and battery and charged her with calling her names and making false accusations against her character.

The two women reside in Harrison avenue. They got into a quarrel in front of Mrs. Davis' home Saturday morning and in the fight that followed their clothing was badly torn.

Justice Dutton fined Mrs. Cusack \$3 and costs.

**Auto Club Not to Meet—The Aurora Automobile club will not hold the weekly meeting this evening. An announcement of the time for the next meeting will be made by the secretary.**

PRICE OF FLOUR  
TO NEW RECORD

Wholesale Cost to Grocer  
Soars to Unheard-of Mark,  
\$17.80 per Barrel, Today.

## POTATO PRICES ALSO UP

The wholesale cost of flour to the grocer today is \$17.80 by the barrel (\$4.45 a sack) a local grocer said today. How long the commodity will cling to this high price, no one knows. Local grocers are buying flour only in such amount as is necessary to carry on business from day to day.

Most Aurora grocers are selling flour at \$4.50 per 49-pound sack, at a very small profit, they claim. Those who have to replenish their stock at the \$17.80 price will have to charge more in order to make a profit. There is some hope, however, among grocers that this price will not hold more than a day or two.

**Potato Prices Jump.**  
Seed potatoes and table potatoes which have been selling at \$3.50 a bushel, have jumped up 50 cents per bushel again and are now selling at \$4 a bushel, a down town grocer said this morning.

New potatoes are up again also and are selling for \$1.10 and \$1.25 per peck. The prices on all fresh fruits and vegetables remain the same as for the past several days.

**MANY DES MOINES SUNDAY VIOLATORS ARE ARRESTED**

[By Associated Press Leased Wire.]  
Des Moines, Ia., May 14.—Paying separate fines of \$1 and costs or a total of \$2.55 each, E. H. Dawson, garage operator, and Joe Bartine, grocer, today proved the first actual victims of Des Moines' first Sunday of "blue law" enforcement on pleading guilty in municipal court to violation of the Sabbath closing statute.

As a result of the recently inaugurated campaign of Attorney-General Hagner, 63 persons were either compelled to report at the police station at once or at 8 o'clock this morning to answer charges of breaking the Sunday laws here yesterday.

Thirty-seven others have their names registered with the county attorney, all of them players or employees connected with the Western league game here yesterday between Des Moines and St. Joseph. It has not been determined whether all of the latter will be prosecuted. It was reported.

Fifty-two of the 63 arrested sold groceries, food and fruit. A great majority of them are Jewish merchants who say they have a right to open Sunday because they observe Saturday as their Sabbath. The other arrests involved one restaurant keeper, one drugstore, one garage proprietor, one barber and six theater proprietors. No theaters or other business houses were closed following the arrests.

It was announced today that all baseball and moving picture defendants will be given hearings Thursday morning. Proprietors of drug stores and other merchants involved were to be heard later today. Most of the cigar and drug stores and ice cream shops, together with the shoe shining stands remained closed in accordance with previous agreement. Reports received here indicate that arrests were made.

At present, however, the only "blue laws" in the state where the "blue laws" were enforced yesterday.

**KAISER'S DENTIST ONCE VISITED HERE**

Dr. Arthur Newton Davis, of Piqua, Ohio, who has been called to the front in Germany to look after the teeth of Kaiser Wilhelm, is a cousin of J. M. Spiker, 5 South River street, Aurora. He visited here last summer.

The following dispatch tells of the summoning of the Aurora man's relative to wait on the Kaiser:

"Copenhagen, via London, May 12.—Emperor William does not recognize a state of war with the United States so far as his personal comfort is concerned. This is shown by the fact that he has summoned his American dentist, Arthur Newton Davis of Piqua, Ohio, to visit him at great headquarters this week and attend to necessary repairs to the Imperial teeth."

The war in general has proved toothache to be no respecter of international relations and throughout the long months of tension between Germany and the United States, the Imperial family and the highest officials of the state have continued to patronize their respective American dentists.

**U. S. RUSSIA MISSION CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT**

[By Associated Press Leased Wire.]  
Washington, May 14.—Six members of the American commission to Russia, headed by former Senator Elihu Root and accompanied by Secretary Lansing, conferred with President Wilson today regarding their mission.

Besides Mr. Root, Charles E. Russell, Dr. John R. Mott, James Austin, S. R. Bertrone and Gen. Hugh L. Scott were present. No announcement has been made as to when the commission will leave but it is generally understood that it is a final conference.

BASEBALL  
AMERICAN LEAGUE

At Chicago 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 R H E  
Phil'a 100000000000000 2 5 2  
Sox 000110000000000 6 4 2  
Batteries: Anderson, Seibold and Schang; Russell and Schalk.

At Detroit 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 R H E  
Wash. 100000000000000 2 9 3  
Detroit 000101000000000 3 12 2  
Batteries: Dumont and Henry; Boland and Spencer.

At St. Louis 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 R H E  
N. Y. 010101000000000 6 12 6  
St. Louis 000101000000000 7 11 1  
Batteries: Fisk and Nunamaker; Davenport and Severeid.

At Cleveland 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 R H E  
Boston 000200010000000 6 12 6  
Cleveland 001102000000000 7 11 1  
Batteries: Leonard, Wyckoff and Thomas; Klepper and O'Neill.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

At Boston 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 R H E  
Cubs 001002003000000 6 12 1  
Boston 000000000000000 0 2 1  
Batteries: Douglas and Wilson; Rudolph and Gowdy.

At Philadelphia 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 R H E  
Pitts'g 000001010000000 2 9 4  
Phil'a 001000000000000 3 9 1  
Batteries: Jacobs and Fischer; Alexander and Killifer.

At Brooklyn 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 R H E  
Cincin'ti 000002010000000 3 8 1  
Br'klyn 000001100000000 2 7 0  
Batteries: Toney and Wingo; Cadore and Meyers.

At New York 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 R H E  
St. Louis 000100000002000 3 5 0  
N. Y. 000000000000000 1 5 2  
Batteries: Dean and Snyder; Anderson and Rariden.

**BUSINESS MEN WILL BOOST NAVY LEAGUE**

Plans for a big meeting of representative Aurora citizens intended to help our navy has been planned by the Aurora branch of the Navy league, of which Carroll Miller is president. The luncheon will be held at the Elks' club Tuesday at 12 o'clock. It will be a first class affair, treat of fair. Any Aurora citizen not already invited who wishes to attend will please notify W. M. Willett, phone 1755 between 9 and 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. The speakers will be George H. Lamberton, assistant secretary of the navy league for the middle west, and George I. Haight, who has done effective work for the league in Evanston.

**To Tell of Work.**  
Mr. Haight will describe the Navy league and its work and the most effective manner in which the league work can be carried on at this time. The navy remains a great volunteer branch of the national service. The selective draft bill was to raise men only for the line forces. Boys that man the battleships, cruisers, destroyers and submarines must still offer themselves for enlistment.

Until the navy is authorized a branch of the navy was \$7,000 men, this number was very rapidly recruited and then came word that the enlistment forces of the navy should be increased to 150,000, an addition of 60,000.

The Navy league is taking a very active part of the actual recruiting work, such as maintaining a recruiting office, paying expenses of recruiting officers, distributing advertising, etc. The Aurora branch has secured the now vacant "Walk-over" store in Broadway for headquarters and expects to open headquarters and a recruiting station there within a few days.

**ST. CHARLES WATER SERVICE TO BE SHUT OFF TOMORROW**

The water service for the Third ward (east side) in St. Charles will be turned off tomorrow, probably all day. If it does not rain and favorable weather prevails, City Clerk Prosper Hempstead announced this afternoon.

This notice is given that water users may draw a supply this evening.

**ALLIES HAVE TAKEN 49,579 GERMANS**

[By Associated Press Leased Wire.]  
With the French armies in France, May 14.—(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press).—According to authoritative figures now available the French and British armies between April 9 and May 12 captured 49,579 Germans, including 976 officers, 44 heavy and field cannons, 943 machine guns and 256 trench cannons.

To Give Recital.—Eddie Fitzgerald, the orchestra leader and piano teacher, will give a recital Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the First Congregational chapel. He will be assisted by Mrs. Emma Skinner Miller, who will give some readings accompanied by Mrs. Florence McKay, and by several violin pupils of Mrs. H. B. Waterhouse.

**Unusual Patriotic Demonstration Staged at Fox River**

## AMERICAN WAR IN TALK STAGE

After 39 Days Congress Still Debates Most Important Measures in Conflict.

### NEEDS OF ALLIES ARE KNOWN

(By Associated Press Leased Wire.) Washington, May 14.—The United States has been at war with Germany 39 days and practically all the measure that which this government is to do its part in the world's battle for humanity and civilization still are in the talking stage in congress.

The actual accomplishments since President Wilson convened the special war session April 2 have been passage of the resolution declaring a state of war with Germany and enactment of the seven billion dollar loan law.

Those who predicted congress would provide the nation with the means for making war successfully and adjourn by June now have extended their estimates to the middle of August.

Pressed for speed by the administration on one side, and on the other by constituents at home demanding action, congress faces many big things to do and quickly, if the aid of the United States in the world war is to be of its full value.

**Need of Allies Known.**

The immediate pressing need of the aid the United States can give the allies in the war on Germany is best known to the president and his closest advisers who have heard it from the heads of the French and British missions. Those to whom it has been communicated have been impressed with the necessity of more accomplishments.

As congress today went into its thirty-seventh working day the war program stood this way:

**War tax bill:** Under debate in the house, and up for public hearings in the senate finance committee. At the present rate of progress, it probably will be up before one house or the other for at least a month.

**Army bill:** In conference again to turn over the action of the house in referring the so-called Roosevelt amendment. It provides the army the allies need in France.

**Food control:** Debated one day in the house; an entirely different form of bill has been introduced in the senate.

**Shipping bill:** The bill to vest legal title to the seized German ships in the government has passed both houses but is in conference for reconsideration of differences; the bill to appropriate \$400,000,000 for a start on the great merchant fleet to overcome the submarine menace has not yet been introduced and may not be.

be, while plans are being discussed of paying for the ships out of the \$7,000,000,000 loan. The bill to authorize the taking over of ship building facilities and ships building for foreign account has been introduced but is not yet under consideration.

**Embargo bill:** The house in passing the bill retained the newspaper censorship section demanded by the administration but did not enact an embargo section, which the administration wants to keep supplies from going to Germany thru neutrals.

The senate still has its bill under debate, retaining such an embargo section, but entirely without a censorship provision. The real skeleton of this bill probably will be in conference where the administration will bring pressure to have both censorship and embargo sections inserted in acceptable terms.

**Prohibition:** As an amendment to the espionage bill the senate has attached a section prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquors from food grains. Various prohibition proposals are pending in the house.

**Federal reserve law amendments:** These additions to the existing bank law were prepared by the administration to bring more banks into the federal reserve system and by liberalizing the reserve requirements increase the gold holdings of the system more than \$300,000,000.

### BURLINGTON RECEIVING MANY NEW LOCOMOTIVES

The freight and passenger engines which have been under course of construction for the Burlington railroad in an eastern locomotive works all winter, are now beginning to be turned over to the Burlington and will be put into service soon. It is said by a railroad man who has visited the locomotive works several times during the winter.

Fifty-five large engines are being turned out on the order, most of these being freight engines of a large type, only a few being made for passenger service. A number of the engines have been shipped and several more that have been shipped are lost somewhere on the way; the railroad man said yesterday.

It is said that as soon as the present run in freight traffic lets up a little and all the new engines are put to use the RR-1 and RR-2 types of freight engines will be overhauled and put into service as switch engines.

The AA-2, small passenger engines that the company has will at some later date be distributed over the system and will haul trains on all short branches where only three or four cars are used to each train. It is also said that in the future these small engines may be made in the local shops of the Burlington.

**Rev. F. A. Cool Dies.**

(By Associated Press Leased Wire.) Minneapolis, May 14.—The Rev. Father A. Cool, formerly president of Wellesley university at Marshall, Texas, died at his home here late last night after a long illness. He was 63 years old.

Beacon-News want ads introduce you to buyers, sellers, tenants, landlords, employers, employees, etc.

## AUSTRALIA PLANS CUT IN GERMAN TRADE

Decide to Restrict Business With Enemy Countries for Period of Years After War.

Favorable Treatment With Neutral Nations and Allies Is Also Decided Upon.

(By Associated Press Leased Wire.) Adelaide, Australia, May 14.—Australian commercial houses and business men have declared themselves, thru their chambers of commerce to be in accord with those of other parts of the British empire in planning to prohibit or restrict trade with enemy countries for a term of years after the war. They also approve the plans adopted in London and Paris conferences on after-war business conditions to give permanent preference to trading between the different parts of the empire and with allied countries, as against enemy countries.

Favorable treatment to neutral nations in this respect also is approved. Proposals along these lines were recommended by the London chamber of commerce and have been adopted by the associated chamber of commerce in Australia.

It is intended to accomplish most of these results affecting business after the war by revision of the tariff and of the shipping and naturalization laws. Among the after-war steps approved by the Australian chambers of commerce were:

Restriction of enemy traders within the empire.

Fixation of enemy shipping.

Registration of all German ships now in possession of the empire.

Replacement by the Teutonic allies of all ships sunk by them.

Encouragement within the empire of industries necessary to the public safety.

Prevention of the control by enemy countries of raw materials and resources of the British empire.

State co-operation in promoting trade banks to aid in exporting products of the empire.

A committee of the associated chambers of commerce was directed to formulate further economic methods to recuperate the wealth of the British empire depleted by the war.

**Mexico Art Held.**

(By Associated Press Leased Wire.) Mexico City, May 14.—The taking from the country without government authorization of art or archeological objects which have been in the churches has been strictly prohibited on the ground that such objects are the property of the nation. Copies or duplicates must be approved before they can be exported.

Three carloads of alleged antiquities and objects of art recently shipped from here to the United States have been stopped at Laredo under the ruling. The shipment will be examined by an agent of the director of arts.

## Aurora Charity Council Makes Annual Report

The yearly report of the work done by the Charity Council for the past year is as follows:

Rooms open twice a week from October 1 to March 15.

The amount of calls at the charity council received by the general solicitation \$324.28

Beacon-News emergency fund in charge of General Secy Mrs. Holtsbach 287.34

Totalling \$611.62

There were 55 Christmas baskets filled from the Beacon-News emergency fund amounting to \$126.58

Relief work done from emergency fund by Mrs. Holtsbach 140.85

Order of Moore and other societies took care of 175 baskets.

The amount of shoes bought during the year 221.68

Underwear, boys' suits, and dresses, etc. 158.05

Total expenditures \$668.61

Balance in emergency fund 7.95

Balance in Charity Council fund 1.65

Any further donations of clothes, shoes, furniture or money will be greatly appreciated.

Mayor Harley very kindly donated 50 bushels of seed potatoes to be given to the needy poor, all of which has been distributed and a strict account has been kept by Mrs. Holtsbach as to who had them and report will be made on the results. A number of lots were also donated to the council for use and the city had a number of them played.

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We wish to thank all those who have so kindly helped in this good work.

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## PUBLISHERS PROTEST SECOND CLASS INCREASE

(By Associated Press Leased Wire.) Washington, May 14.—Newspaper publishers were here today to protest to the senate finance committee against the increase in second class mail rates by application of the parcel post rate system, proposed by the \$1,000,000 war tax bill.

The committee also considered the measures providing for stamp and estate and inheritance taxes, to which there were many objections. The house resumed debate on the bill, and leaders hoped for its passage early in the week.

A statement prepared by a committee of the American Newspaper Publishers' association headed by Don C. Seitz, of the New York World, said the proposed postal increase was a "cold blooded proposition to close the mails" to newspapers and would result in so much loss in circulation, especially from farmers, that postal income would decrease and the rural carrier system would entail an even greater loss than at present.

The proposed increase, the statement said, "is not a war tax but an effort to further repress and embarrass the newspaper industry. The rate proposed is an increase of from 100 to 600 per cent, an increase beyond precedent."

## ASK FOR and GET Horlick's The Original Malted Milk

Substitutes Cost YOU Same Price.

Specials for Thursday at AURORA'S CASH MARKET

119 MAIN STREET Chicago Phone 422

Native Sirloin Roasts, 23c

Native Sirloin Steak, 23c

Native Porterhouse Steak, 25c

Fancy Sliced Bacon, 35c

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HOME MADE SAUSAGE

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Churches and Public in General  
Observe Mother Day in  
Services Sunday.

Every Carriage in City Sold Out at  
Early Hour—Trinites  
Are Elongated.

In keeping with the national Mother's day observance yesterday, all of the Aurora churches gave special exercises, the pastors preaching sermons with glowing tributes to mothers. Some of the churches set the day aside as a "Parent day," honoring both fathers and mothers.

So great was the demand for carnations, the emblem of Mother's day that early in the day the florists were entirely sold out. Many substituted the favorite flower of mother, the bright flower being worn in honor of a living mother and a white flower for a departed mother.

The Rev. E. T. Stephens of the Third Street Baptist church spoke yesterday on the subject, "The Teaching of Thy Mother," using as his text "Forbear not the law of thy mother." "First in their devotion to duty our good mothers teach us to be dutiful," he said. "Second, in their splendid example of self-sacrifice, our mothers teach us to be unselfish. Third, in our mothers' intimate friendship, we find our surest safeguard."

## EAST SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZES TONIGHT

The regular meeting of the board of education of the east side schools will be held this evening. At this meeting the petition of the teachers in which they ask for a raise in pay will be taken up by the board. A petition signed by about 700 citizens in the northeast part of the city, asking for a new school, may receive attention of the board at this meeting also. Although it was not stated in the petition where the new school should be built, it is taken for granted that it is wanted where the Brady school now stands and would require tearing down that school and building a larger one to accommodate the pupils. It is estimated that a school would cost from \$65,000 to \$75,000. Estimates were asked of a local contractor some time ago on the cost of remodeling and building an addition to the Brady school and his figures were \$35,000.

## MRS. BROWN'S TEAM WINS

Mrs. George E. Brown's team in the hospital campaign, division No. 5, had first place in the finish, the team of Fred Hollister, division No. 2, was second. The cup was, therefore, awarded to Mrs. Brown's team.

## ADMEN TO MEET.

The Aurora Admen's club will meet this evening in the private dining room of the Manhattan cafe. H. P. Jenkins of the International Corset company will be the speaker. His subject will be "Training Sales Persons."

The club will take action to make recruiting week for the army and navy this week a success. The members expect to have the co-operation of the merchants in the giving of their big display windows for advertising the campaign.

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## Social Chatter

Ed Solisburg of East St. Louis is visiting Aurora relatives.

Many Comate plants, 150 per dozen, Aurora Greenhouse Co., on the lake.

Archie Kerr of Omaha is visiting in Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Illing motored out from Chicago yesterday. Mrs. Illing was formerly Miss Irene Hilkey of Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schwander and son of Evanston spent the week-end with their cousin, Mrs. W. M. Brooks, 53 South Lake street.

Mrs. Robert T. Girdwood of Cedar street was taken to the St. Charles hospital Saturday.

Miss Laura Bellon who has been ill with quinsy's throat is improving.

Hollis Routsahs will return to his duties at the Aurora postoffice tomorrow after a week's vacation.

Joseph T. Suhler of St. Louis spent the week-end with friends in Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Flanders of Hinckley were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Flanders and family, 20 North Lake street.

Mrs. LaVoy of Chicago is the guest of Mrs. Elwyn Bernbrock of South avenue.

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## CHICAGO-DENVER TRAIN WORK TO "Q"

In Division of Passenger Work  
Among Railroads Burlington  
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This the Rumor Among Railroad Men  
Here. Altho No Official  
Notice Is Out.

Speculation among local railroad men still continues as to how the passenger business is to be split up among the various railroads between points where a number of the roads operate in competition with each other, and which will be the first affected by the government's orders in reducing the number of passenger trains in the United States by one-third.

A local railroad official said today that he had received, on good authority, information to the effect that the Burlington is to get the business between Chicago and Denver as soon as the pooling of passenger traffic is ordered.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPERT IS HERE

The Rev. Garrett Verkuy Ph. D. of Chicago, who has charge of the Sunday school work in the Presbyterian churches of the central gates under the auspices of the New York board conducted a Sunday school conference at the First Presbyterian church yesterday, preaching both morning and evening. The Sunday school orchestra played and Lester Fredericks of Chicago sang.

At 4:30 o'clock 30 of the Sunday school workers of the church gathered for a special conference led by the Reverend Verkuy in which various topics were discussed to make the Sunday school work more efficient. At 6 o'clock tea was served in the dining room.

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(By Associated Press Licensed Writer.)  
Chicago, May 14.—Strong demands for swine, particularly for high grade hogs, made itself felt early today, forcing prices to higher levels in spite of a fall run at the local stock yards. Good receipts at other markets, however, kept prices for lower grades of hogs. Steers were comparatively scarce in cattle pens and a preponderance of finished animals contributed to an upward market. These run of lambs, in turn, gave impetus to advances in prices.

**Chicago Live Stock Markets.**  
Chicago, May 14.

Hogs—\$9,000; tomorrow 14,000; at 000 lbs. about Saturday's average; 31.00  
But of sale, 2000; 31.00  
Light ..... 31.00  
Mixed ..... 31.00  
Heavy ..... 31.00  
Pigs ..... 31.00  
Cattle—16,000; tomorrow 9,000; 15.00  
Native best cattle ..... 9.50  
Cows and feeders ..... 9.00  
Butcher ..... 9.00  
Sticks ..... 9.00  
Sheep—8,000; tomorrow 9,000; 11.00  
Wethers ..... 12.00  
Lambs ..... 14.00

**Chicago Produce Market.**

(By Associated Press Licensed Wire)  
Chicago, May 14.—After just three minutes of excitement in the wheat market today, the pit became as quiet as a funeral home. The drastic action of the directors of the board of directors of maximum quotations for the board of directors of maximum quotations for the board of directors of maximum quotations made a sharp break in value and a meet a certainty and the anxiety showed was chiefly in regard to how far the drop was asked. That question was quickly settled, however, as the decline was soon reached, 12c as compared with 10c to finish. Then the market rebounded 7c and later became almost lifeless, the flow streaming out of the wheat pit and jamming the sections reserved for dealings in corn and soybeans.

A committee fixed the settlement price of May corn at \$1.61 1/4 and May oats at 75c, the closing figures of Saturday.

firsts, 15@36c; seconds, 32@34 1/2.

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mark, cases included, 21¢ 3/4 c.  
Potatoes—Steady; receipts 27 cars  
ho, Colorado, Oregon, Washington,  
2.25; Wisconsin, Michigan, \$2.40 @ 3.  
Poultry (alive)—Higher; fowls, 2

**New York Sugar Market.**  
New York, May 1  
Raw sugar, barely steady; centr  
\$6.21; molasses, \$3.25; refined, stead

**ST. PAUL STOCKS LEAD**  
**IN WALL ST. LOS**

New York, May 14.—Business

prices ebbed until practically nothing remained of initial gains. St Paul reaction, falling 2 points to 69 1/2 for many years. Otherwise notably cooler and New York fell to or under last week's finalations, recessions being accomplished very slight dealings. Confusion in grain markets and another reversal Russian exchange made for greater relative caution. Steels, shippings provided superior to pressure, however contributed measurably to the in-

London Bullion

Bar silver—38d per ounce; money,  
per cent.

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**UNIFORM IS PASS  
TO BASEBALL**

It's as good as a season pass  
to it's baseball park. All troopers  
from the 1st Cavalry Division are admitted free.

## Societies and Clubs

OR hall, Monday, May 14. Busi  
shop importance, also report of the

Stated meeting of Aurora Chapter No. 22, R. A. M., Monday evening 14, at 7:30 o'clock for business work on the Fourth degree. Arch Masons are cordially invited. Earl V. Hendricks, E. H. P.,

War Veterans of Robert M.  
camp No. 20 will be held at G

**Tuesday**  
Regular meeting of Aurora

-16) adoption. Report from the de  
who attended the state convent

Memorial day service which will place Sunday morning, July 1, any other business that may come before the meeting. A large attendance is desired. Visiting members cordially welcomed.—John H. Myers, W. G.; Alex Robbie, Sec. The regular meeting of St.

are kindly requested to be

portant business to transact. The reading and voting on the resolution creating a fund for the members have recently transferred term rate division, will take Supreme officers will also be present.—N. P. Elpers, Rec. Sec.

A stated meeting of Je

15, at 7:30 o'clock for business

will be entertained by the orchestra, and several promsions will be present. A large anace is desired. All Master are cordially invited.—War Mighell, W. M.; E. H. Cooley

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tend. Peter Meyer, C. R.

meet Tuesday afternoon with  
Lucius Wormley and Mrs. U.  
274 Marion avenue.  
Regular meeting of W. R.  
10 Tuesday afternoon at 2:30  
Wednesday.  
Special meeting of Aurora  
No. 254 A. F. & A. M. W.

cordially invited.—F. A. Rowland

The Bee Keepers' association will meet Wednesday evening at 13 South Broadway. All are urged to be present.

The Social circle of Sparkill will meet Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. A. M. Harrall, 474 Clinton street, is the hostess.

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